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An ORDER of the Lords, for the better direction of the Overseers appoynted in the  
severall Parishes of the City of Oxford, against the spreading of the Infection of the Plague.



He Infection of the Plague being much dispersed in severall Parishes and Places within this City, To the end that all possible care may be taken to provide for the sick, and to keep, the sick from the whole, which by Gods blessing may be a great means to stay the Infection, It is Ordered as an Addition to the former Order lately made by this Borde, that the Persons hereafter mentioned in the severall Parishes to be the overseers for this important service, take speciall care in the severall Parishes and Precincts commended to their charge.

- 1 That when they shall understand that any Person is fallen sick in any house, that there be no resort thither by strangers, till it be discerned whether the sicknesse be infectious or not.
  - 2 That these Overseers use their best care, as soon as they understand who are fallen sick, to informe themselves what the nature of the disease is, and the Symptoms thereof, and then give farther directions.
  - 3 That as soon as any house is infected, or probably suspected to be infected, that it be shut up, and the persons in the House commanded to keep in the House, till farther order given for opening the house again.
  - 4 That a Watchman be set at the fore-dore of the House, both to keep in the persons within the house, and also to fetch them such necessities as they want, to be delivered to them so discreetly and warily as may not endanger themselves, or those to whom they shall resort.
  - 5 That when the House shall be known to be infected with the Plague, forthwith a Red-Crosse be set on the outward doore of the House with an inscription in Capitall Letters, with these words, LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US, and this Crosse, and the Inscription be taken off again when the house is appoynted to be opened, and not before.
  - 6 That the Watch-men appoynted take an Oath for their faithfull performance of that service.
  - 7 That every such Watch-man, when he sitteth or goeth in the streets, carry a white stick in his hand, that so others may be admonished not to presse too neare into his Company.
  - 8 That if there be a back-dore or gate to the house shut up, that that back-dore be fast shut, that no passage be that way, and also a Padlocke hanged upon the fore-dore, whereof the Watchman to keep the key.
  - 9 That these overseers appoynt searchers and tenders for the sick persons, and bearers and buriers when any shall dye, and give oathes to them also, to observe their severall employments faithfully.
  - 10 If any appoynted to any of those places or services, being fit for the same, shall refuse to undertake the employment, or neglect it when it is once undertaken, or deale unfaithfully therein, they must know, that they shall be proceeded against with all strictnesse and severity, according to the quality of their faults.
  - 11 That all burials of Persons dying of the Plague be in the night time, after tenne of the clock at the soonest, and without concourse of People, and that the Corple be laid at least foure foot deep under the ground, and be bestowed in such burying places, as to that purpose shall be appoynted.
  - 12 That the Church-yards within the City be spared from these Burials, they being for the most part small, and now very inconvenient to receive the bodies of these infected persons.
  - 13 That all Dogs and Cats in the Towne be forthwith sent away out of the Towne, or such as are found in the Streets, or Courts of the Colledges, to be knockt on the head, and their carcasses carried away and buried without the Works at a convenient distance.
  - 14 That if any Colledges or Halls be infected or suspected, that the Governours of those Houses give speedy notice thereof to the Overseers of that Parish or Precinct within which such Colledge or Hall lyeth, and then those overseers by the advice and approbation of those Governours of the Colledges and Halls for the time being, send such Officers as shall be so thought fit to performe those Offices to the sick or infected persons which shall be fit and necessary.
- And in such cases so much to be shut up as the overseers, by the advice of the Governour of that House, shall think fit.

The Overseers names of the severall Parishes, viz.

For St Peters in the East,	Alderman Sowtham.	St Michaels	M. Bailly Daniell.
&	M. Whistler.		M. Kerry.
St Bartholomews,	John Hopkins.		M. James Deane.
For St Maries	M. Humphrey Whistler.	St Peters in the Bailly	M. William Harris.
&	M. John Browne.		M. George Baxe.
St Johns Parish,	M. Francis Bowman.		M. Johnson.
	Alderman Charles.		John Warwick.
St Giles	M. Selwood.	St Ebbes	M. Chillingworth.
	M. Surby.		Alford Raunce.
	John White.		M. Roberts Nicholas.
Magdalen Parish	M. Robert Cooke.	St Thomas Parish	M. John Wright.
	M. Nicholas Daniell.		M. William Good.
	M. George Ladiman.		Richard Miller.
Hallwell Parish	M. Bailly.	St Aldates	M. Carpenter.
	M. Dichenfon.		M. John Holloway.
	M. Wasen.		M. Langley.
All-Saints	Alderman Sowtham.	St Martins	Alderman Wright.
	M. Thomas Dennis.		M. Francis Harris.
	M. Ben. Silvester.		M. Chesterman.